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Global Context

Exports to China

![Graph showing exports to China from 1998 to 2016, with 2011 having the highest value at $9.98 billion and 2016 having the second highest at $4.58 billion.]

The China Conundrum

Although many unanswered questions remain, in this month’s edition of Business Insights, we attempt to recap recent Chinese actions with regard to recycled commodities and examine some of the issues going forward.

Leone Young | Dec 06, 2017
National Issue

U.S. Recyclables Pile Up as China’s Waste Import Ban Goes into Effect

Mountains of U.S. recyclables are piling up as municipal solid waste departments, haulers, recyclers and other stakeholders try to find new options for recyclable products.

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Ocala, Fla., Struggles with Contamination in Recycling Bins

The city of Ocala, Fla., is currently working to reduce the amount of contaminated recycling bins found on residential collection routes.

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Inspectors in Toronto to Sort through Residential Recycling Bins to Reduce Contamination

With this new inspection process, the city hopes to improve its recycling education efforts and lower its contamination rate to below 25 percent.

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Orange County, N.C., Affected by China’s Recycling Ban

The biggest challenge the county will face is rigid plastic because China will soon no longer accept it and there's nowhere to sell the material to domestically.

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Efforts Undertaken

Big Corporations Sign On to Revitalize North American Recycled Plastics Market

The Recycle Demand Champions initiative hopes to increase demand for post-consumer resin.

Arlene Karidis | Jan 25, 2018

SWANA Disappointed in China’s Finalized Waste Import Restrictions

China’s Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) finalized a quality standard of 0.5 percent for certain imported recyclables, failing to properly

City Launches 'Concord Recycles: One Bin – No Bags' Campaign

Do not place plastic bags in curbside recycling, or contain recycling within plastic bags.

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What Next?

• Residents should pay close attention to the contents of their recycling bins.
• Plastics Bags (and plastic films) are not acceptable. This is for bags contained within a recycling bin or a bag containing recyclables.
• Casella collectors will be tagging non-compliant materials.
• Recycling Bins available at the COMF.
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